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YWCA Spokane Announces Nationwide Search for Chief Philanthropy Officer

Spokane, WA – YWCA Spokane is excited to announce the launch of a nationwide search for its next Chief Philanthropy Officer (CPO). This pivotal leadership position will play a key role in driving the organization's mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Information about this opportunity can be found at ywcaspokane.org/careers.

The individual selected for this vital role will build upon the strong foundation established over the past decade, helping to lead YWCA Spokane into its next chapter of growth and impact. The new CPO will have the opportunity to advance innovative philanthropic strategies and further expand the organization's reach in serving over 14,000 individuals, children, and families annually through critical services such as domestic violence support, economic empowerment, early childhood education, and racial and social justice advocacy.

This announcement comes as YWCA Spokane prepares to bid farewell to its current Chief Philanthropy Officer, Dana Morris Lee, who will retire on May 30, 2025, after 10 years of dedicated service to the organization and community. Morris Lee's extraordinary tenure is marked by significant achievements that have transformed YWCA Spokane's capacity to serve its mission:

- Growing the agency's annual budget from \$3.6M to \$9.5M.
- Launching the Forever Fund, a groundbreaking endowment to secure the organization's future.
- Establishing long-term corporate mission partnerships foundational to the organization's operations.
- Securing \$1M in seed funding for the Safe Shelter capital campaign, a transformative effort to expand critical community services.

"Dana has been an incredible force for good within our organization and the greater community," said Jeanette Hauck, CEO of YWCA Spokane. "Her strategic vision and leadership have not only positioned YWCA Spokane for continued growth and impact but also cultivated a true culture of philanthropy within our organization, among our donors, our board, and the community at large. We are deeply grateful for her dedication and the lasting legacy she leaves behind."

Reflecting on her upcoming retirement, Morris Lee shared, “I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together over the past 10 years. While I will deeply miss the daily collaboration with my incredible philanthropy team and our community, I look forward to seeing YWCA Spokane continue to thrive, grow, and create meaningful change.”

YWCA Spokane will celebrate Morris Lee’s contributions at a special event closer to her retirement date. Details about the celebration and the leadership transition will be shared in the coming months.

For more information on Dana Morris Lee’s retirement or the search for the new Chief Philanthropy Officer, please contact Jeanette Hauck, Chief Executive Officer, at jeanetteh@ywcaspokane.org.

About YWCA Spokane

Since 1903, YWCA Spokane has been a vital resource in the community, helping individuals overcome social, economic, and personal barriers to achieve healthier and more fulfilling lives. Today, areas of focus include supporting victims of intimate partner domestic violence, building economic empowerment, promoting early childhood education, and confronting racial and social justice issues affecting their clients and the community.

In 2023, YWCA Spokane provided life-changing services to over 14,000 individuals, children, and families. Through a continuum of care—including a 24-hour helpline, safe shelter, legal advocacy, and mental health services—they work to disrupt cycles of trauma while creating pathways toward healing and independence.

YWCA Spokane envisions a community where domestic violence is no longer tolerated. By working at the intersections of inequality, poverty, and domestic violence, they aim to disrupt long-standing societal patterns of trauma. Learn more at ywcaspokane.org.

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